REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	06 August 2004
Name of applicant/court:	The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Vixen Direct Ltd
Title of Publication:	Private Classics Triple X Video 1
Other Known Title(s):	Private Classics Triple X No 1 Triple X Nr. 1
Director(s):	Nic Cramer, Peter Blackman, Pierre Woodman, Frank Thring
Producer(s):	Not stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	DVD
Country of Origin:	Spain
Language(s):	English (dubbed)

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu:	Scene Selection Language Selection Extra Materials Play Movie		
Feature:	Private Classics Triple X Video 1	Running Time:	90.08
Other Timed Components:	Fraserside Holdings / Records / Güfa Notice	Running Time:	2.30
	Private Website Notice		1.58
	Island Fever		1.44
	Castings X 23		1.19
	The Private Life Of Michelle Wild		1.47
	Nurses In Heat		1.33
	Reality 18		1.11
Other Components:	Production Notes		
		Total Running Time:	102.10

Excision/Alteration: Excisions Recommended But Not Made.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Three excisions are required. Two excisions are to remove sequences involving sexual coercion of a female by three males. The third excision is to remove highly degrading and dehumanising close focus upon a female during anal intercourse with two males.

Classification Decision:

The part or parts of the film specified for excision have not been excised from the publication. Therefore, the film is classified as **Objectionable.**

If the part or parts of the film specified are excised from the film the publication is classified as **Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.**

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *Private Classics Triple X Video 1* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This is because the publication contains sexual coercion of a female by three males and highly degrading and dehumanising close focus upon a female during anal intercourse with two males.

The publication is a slickly produced adult DVD, containing two items on location at adult film shoots and seven scenes of explicitly depicted sexual activity, most of which involves simultaneous sexual activity between threesomes in different settings.

There are three sequences of concern, two of which depict coercive sexual conduct by three males in a dramatization. The publication presents a young woman who plays the part of a vulnerable virgin saying "no" to various sexual acts, and the men proceed anyway as if she had said "yes". This presents coercive sexual behaviour by men as sexually arousing and ultimately successful.

The third sequence involves highly degrading and dehumanising depictions of a woman during anal intercourse. The sequence degrades and dehumanises the woman (and women in general) by reducing her to a sexual object. The availability of the publication would therefore be likely to be injurious to the public good unless these three segments were excised. While there would still be degrading, dehumanising and demeaning elements to the DVD, if the three excisions were made the injury to the public good would be sufficiently minimized to make the publication available to an audience of eighteen years and above, who are likely to have the maturity and experience to deal with the sexually explicit material that remains.

In this instance the distributor of the DVD declined to make the required excisions to the publication. The DVD in this form is therefore objectionable.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in relation to the classification of this publication. Given the likelihood of injury resulting from the availability of the unexcised DVD, the offer of excisions was the least restrictive limitation on the freedom of expression available in this case, and a result that is justified and prescribed by law.

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